Bid by IOA for 1998 Asian Games

567. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has been cleared to bid for 1998. Asian Games in case Thailand opts out; and

(b) whether Government have given any consideration for the venue of the games if Thailand opts out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORT) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No proposal for bidding for Asian Games 1998 by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has been received by the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Expert Committee on Literacy

568 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee, set up by Government, has stated that the concept of total literacy be abondoned in favour of achieving high success among identified groups, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Department of Education constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Arun Ghosh for making Status-cum-Impact evaluation of Total Literacy Campaigns. The Committee recommended that the objective of fully eradicating illiteracy be replaced by the objective of developing and deepening a learning society and the "Total Literacy" should be replaced with other measures of success, some of which also take into account the specificities of districts and of targetted populations.

The Report of the Expert Group has been circulated widely to generate discussion.

Enrolment of New Learners under Literacy Campaign

569. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for enrolment of new learners in each State in the country under total literacy campaign during the years 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994;

(b) what is the number of new learners actually enrolled during the same period; and

(c) the reasons for which the target could not be achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No State-wise targets were fixed for enrolling the learners under total literacy campaigns for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994. The district-wise proposal are sanctioned on the basis of proposals submitted by the District Collectors through the respective State Governments. However, it is proposed to cover 100 million learners through various adult education programmes, including the TLCs. by the year 1997.

(b) Number of new learners enrolled:

Upto March 1993 : 278 58 lakhs.

April 93 to March 94 : 130.13 lakhs.

April to Semptember 94 ; 85.24 lakhs.